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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

*versus*

BILLY RAY THOMAS,

Defendant.

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NO. 1:23-CR-124-1-MAC

**ORDER ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT AND RECOMMENDATION  
ON DEFENDANT’S GUILTY PLEA**


The court referred this matter to the Honorable Christine L. Stetson, United States Magistrate Judge, for administration of a guilty plea under Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. Judge Stetson conducted a hearing in the form and manner prescribed by Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11 and issued her Findings of Fact and Recommendation on Guilty Plea Before the United States Magistrate Judge. Judge Stetson recommended that the court accept the Defendant’s guilty plea. She further recommended that the court adjudge the Defendant guilty on Count One of the Indictment filed against the Defendant.

The parties have not objected to Judge Stetson’s findings. The court **ORDERS** that the Findings of Fact and Recommendation on Guilty Plea of the United States Magistrate Judge are **ADOPTED**. The court accepts the Defendant’s plea but defers acceptance of the plea agreement until after review of the presentence report.

It is further **ORDERED** that, in accordance with the Defendant’s guilty plea and the magistrate judge’s findings and recommendation, the Defendant, Billy Ray Thomas, is

adjudged guilty as to Count One of the Indictment charging a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1349 -  
Conspiracy to Commit Bank Fraud.

SIGNED at Beaumont, Texas, this 14th day of May, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Marcia A. Crone". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. Below the signature is a horizontal line.

MARCIA A. CRONE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE